



**VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CHANGES MADE RELATIVE TO
ISSUED PATENT**

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph beginning at line 31 of page 7 as follows:

The layout of the exhaust system of the engine 23 in this embodiment is different from that previously described and for that reason the entire exhaust system will be described. This includes, like the embodiment of FIGS. 1-4, exhaust manifolds 84 and 85 that are affixed to the outboard sides of the cylinder blocks 42 and 43. Unlike the previously described embodiment wherein the expansion chamber devices are positioned also on the outboard side of the engine, in this embodiment, a connecting pipe, indicated by the reference numeral 105 is disposed at each side of the engine and communicates with a forwardly opening discharge port of the respective exhaust manifold 84 and 85. It will be seen that the connecting pipe 105 is of a double wall construction having an outer wall 106 that is spaced from the inner wall 107 and defines therebetween a water jacket 108 that receives coolant from the engine cooling jacket in any suitable manner. The connecting pipe 105 merges into an expansion chamber device 109 which is disposed above the cylinder head 64 and 65 of each of the cylinder banks 42 and 43. This expansion chamber device also has a double wall construction defining a cooling jacket 111 there around. The expansion chamber device 109 passes back over the top of the engine 23 and terminates in a discharge nipple 112 into which the water from the cooling jackets 108 and 111 is dumped for mixing with the exhaust gases.

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IN THE CLAIMS

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Please cancel Claims 50-52 without prejudice or disclaimer and amend Claims 27, 28, 36, and 39 as follows:

27. A watercraft comprised of a hull defining an engine compartment, an engine contained within the engine compartment, and an exhaust system extending from the engine to an exhaust discharge, the engine including an engine body journaling an output shaft to rotate about a rotational axis, the engine body having at least one cylinder which defines a cylinder axis and which contains a piston connected to the output shaft, at least one exhaust port provided on a first side of a plane which contains the cylinder axis and the rotational axis of the output shaft, the exhaust system including an expansion chamber

having upstream and downstream ends and being furthest upstream of all expansion chambers in the exhaust system, at least a portion of the expansion chamber being positioned on and extending longitudinally along the second side of the plane, opposite the first side.

28. The watercraft according to Claim 27 additionally comprising an exhaust manifold mounted to the engine body on the first side of the plane so as to communicate with the at least one exhaust port.

36. The watercraft according to Claim 27 additionally comprising an intake manifold mounted to the engine body on the second side of the plane so as to communicate with the least one induction port, the expansion chamber being arranged above the induction port.

39. The watercraft according to Claim 27, wherein the entire expansion chamber is positioned on the second side of the plane.